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# *In Focus*

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*News from the BSBP Braille and  
Talking Book Library (BTBL)*

## **Keninger Debuts Smart Phone App**

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Karen Keninger, director of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), took to the podium as keynote speaker at our Libraries Without Walls conference held on June 4<sup>th</sup> in Lansing. Keninger's presentation was the highlight of the day with the first public showing of a smart phone application for use with BARD. The app, still in beta testing, is expected to be available late this fall.

Currently those who qualify for talking books can choose to download digital books to a computer and save the file to a flash drive, which can be inserted into the NLS player for listening. Downloaded books can be stored on your computer or flash drive for future use or can be erased to make room for more titles. BARD has made it possible for patrons to create their own personal libraries without ever having to return a book.

So what's the big fuss about the BARD app? BARD titles will download directly to a smart phone or tablet, no need to save to a thumb drive. For the active person on the go, smart phones or tablets are considerably more portable than the NLS player. Of course, these must be purchased, but for those who can take advantage of this technology it's a happy day!

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# Technology Corner

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## Computer and Book Clubs

Computer and Book Clubs meet on the second Saturday of each month in the BTBL public service area on the ground floor of the Michigan Library and Historical Center, across from the elevators. Computer Club meets from 10:30 to 12:30 followed by Book Club at 1:30. If you cannot attend in person, you may join either club via the BTBL Online Meeting Room using this link:

<http://www.conference321.com/masteradmin/room.asp?id=rs417aa6694fed>

Users of the BTBL online room may enter any username they wish. To enter the room as a participant, please leave the password field blank. A software plugin is required for full access to tcConference, the web conferencing software from Talking Communities. The entry page to the BTBL Online Meeting Room contains helpful information about the plug-in. A no-plug-in-required web interface also is available for Mac, Linux, and MS users who cannot install the software plug-in. Please note, however, that not all tcConference features are available through the web interface.

## Club Schedules

- Sept. 21: DB75564 ***The Impeachment of Abraham Lincoln***  
by Stephen L. Carter
- Sept. 21: **Debut of the iOS BARD App** presented by Scott Norris
- Oct. 12: DB55333 ***Bringing Down the House: The Inside Story of Six MIT Students Who Took Vegas for Millions***  
by Ben Mezrich
- Oct 12: **Siri iOS Assistant** presented by Al Puzzuoli  
of MSU Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities
- Nov. 9: DB72445 **Clara and Mr. Tiffany** by Susan Vreeland
- Nov. 9: **Holiday On-line Shopping** presented by Scott Norris

# Digital Magazine List

The following magazines are available in digital format for use with your NLS digital player. Multiple selections from this list will be stored on one cartridge and shipped in a red container. Magazine cartridges must be returned within 4 weeks of arrival. Failure to return may result in cancelation of subscriptions.

Please be aware that delivery of each issue will depend on the frequency of your subscriptions. A weekly magazine will ship weekly along with any monthly magazines that are available on that shipping date. Talking Book Topics (TBT) ships every other month and the order form for TBT ships separately, arriving at different times.

To subscribe, check those you would like to receive from pages 3 and 4 and return to BTBL at the address provided on the back of this newsletter.

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## Audio Magazines for Adult Readers

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American History                 | AMH4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Analog                           | ANA4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asimov's Science Fiction         | IAM4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Atlantic Monthly             | AMO4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bon Appetit                      | EAT4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Reports                 | CRP4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes Forecast                | DBF4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discover                         | DIS4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ebony                            | EBN4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Economist                    | ECO4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine  | EQM4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Affairs                  | FAF4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good Housekeeping                | GHK4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Nutrition Newsletters | HNN4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture                     | HOR4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michigan History                 | MIH4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine of the Month            | MOM4 |

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<input type="checkbox"/> Money	MNY4
<input type="checkbox"/> The Nation	NAT4
<input type="checkbox"/> National Geographic	NGG4
<input type="checkbox"/> National Review	NRV4
<input type="checkbox"/> Newsweek (digitally available in 2014)	NWK3
<input type="checkbox"/> The New York Times Book Review	NYB4
<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Life	OTL4
<input type="checkbox"/> People	PEO4
<input type="checkbox"/> Piano Technician's Journal	PTJ4
<input type="checkbox"/> QST	QST4
<input type="checkbox"/> Reader's Digest (digitally available in 2014)	REA3
<input type="checkbox"/> Smart Computing	CPZ4
<input type="checkbox"/> Sports Illustrated	SPI4
<input type="checkbox"/> Sound and Vision	STR4
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel and Leisure	TAL4
<input type="checkbox"/> True West / Frontier Times	TWT4
<input type="checkbox"/> The Week	TWK4
<input type="checkbox"/> The Writer	WRT4

## Audio Music Magazines

<input type="checkbox"/> Contemporary Sound Track	XST4
<input type="checkbox"/> The Musical Mainstream	XMM4
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly Music Magazine	QMM4

## Audio Magazines for Children and Young Adults

<input type="checkbox"/> Cricket and National Geographic for Kids	NGW4
<input type="checkbox"/> Odyssey	ODY4
<input type="checkbox"/> Spider: The Magazine for Children	SPD4
<input type="checkbox"/> Sports Illustrated for Kids	SPK4
<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult Magazine of the Month	YAM4

## Audio Foreign Language Magazines

<input type="checkbox"/> Das Beste aus Reader's Digest – German	BRD4
<input type="checkbox"/> Journal Francais – French	JFA4
<input type="checkbox"/> People en Espanol	PES4
<input type="checkbox"/> Vanidades	VAN4

## Audio Book Selection Catalog

<input type="checkbox"/> Talking Book Topics	TBT4
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# Local Recordings

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## Michigan Notable Books

DBL8295 - ***Annie's Ghosts : A Journey Into a Family Secret***

by Steve Luxenberg, narrated by Michael P. Donovan.

DBL8306 - ***The Detroit Electric Scheme***

by D.E. Johnson, narrated by Nicholas Colovos.

## Michigan-Interest Books

DBL8287 - ***When Evil Came to Good Hart***

by Link Mardi, narrated by Lydia Hiller.

## Books Requested by Patrons

DBL8279 - ***High Heat : the Secret History of the Fastball and the Improbable Search for the Fastest Pitcher of All Time***

by Tim Wendel, narrated by Andy Andersen.

DBL8285 - ***Metisse*** by Yvonne M. Combs, narrated by Marion Contompasis.

DBL8286 - ***Footsteps in the Dark*** by Georgette Heyer, narrated by JoAnn Dashner.

DBL8352 - ***Legacy of the Civil War*** by Robert Penn Warren,  
narrated by Michael P. Donovan.

DBL8356 - ***Wheat Belly Cookbook : 150 recipes to lose the wheat, lose the weight, and find your path back to health***

by William Davis, narrated by Michael P. Donovan.

DBL8331 - ***A Child of the Sea***, and ***Life Among the Mormons***

by Elizabeth Whitney Williams, narrated by Sonya Schryer Norris.

DBL8332 - ***Detriotland*** by Richard Bak, narrated by Michael P. Donovan.

Thank You to the authors and publishers listed at the bottom of page 6 for supplying us with electronic versions of their books. These e-books allow us to increase the quality and efficiency of our local digital recordings. Recorded versions will be announced in future issues.

# Youth Programming

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## Summer Reading Update

Call Jessica to update your summer reading list by September 20th. Remember, your name will be entered in the drawing once for each 5 books read. You may be a winner!

## Children's Books About Michigan

- DBL8291 - ***Legend of the Lady's Slipper*** by Kathy-jo Wargin,  
narrated by JoAnn Dashner.
- DBL8292 - ***Legend of the Loon*** by Kathy-jo Wargin,  
narrated by JoAnn Dashner.
- DBL8293 - ***Legend of Michigan*** by Trinka Hakes Noble,  
narrated by JoAnn Dashner.

## Children's Books by Michigan Authors

- DBL8343 - ***Our Walk in the Woods*** by Charity Nebbe,  
narrated by Katharyn Head.
- DBL8347 - ***The Juice Box Bully : Empowering Kids to Stand Up for Others*** by Robert Sornson, narrated by Katharyn Head.
- DBL8348 - ***Woolbur*** by Leslie Helakoski, narrated by Sheryl Mase.

## Coming Soon (continued from bottom of page 5)

- Kenneth Coleman, author of  
***On This Day: African-American Life in Detroit***
- Daniel Hendrix, author of ***The King's Daughter***
- Gary Slaughter, author of the ***Cottonwood*** series
- Lori Taylor, author of ***Bamboozled on Beaver Island*** and  
***Let Sleeping Bear Dunes Lie*** (Holly Wild series)
- Spry Publishing (Mitten Press), publishers of  
the ***Professor Tuesday's Awesome Adventures in History*** series  
and ***Mitt & Minn*** series

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